

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 521**

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others for legislation to require parental consent on sex education in public schools. Education.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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### **PETITION OF:**

Elizabeth A. Poirier  
Jeffrey Davis Perry  
Viriato Manuel deMacedo  
Cleon H. Turner

Raymond T. Nearly  
William G. Greene, Jr.  
Richard J. Ross

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### **AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL CONSENT ON SEX EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1     Section 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2     the 1998 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the
- 3     section in its entirety and replacing it thereof with the following: —
- 4         Any city, town or school district maintaining or implementing any
- 5         curriculum, unit of study, school-sanctioned program or activity
- 6         which involves sex education shall offer it only on an elective basis.
- 7         Given five school days notice, prior review of said materials, as
- 8         well as the questioning of teachers and administrators involved, will
- 9         be extended to parents, guardians and/or their legal representatives.
- 10       Written parent or guardian permission will be required for student
- 11       participation.
- 12       No public school teacher or employee who feels that such cur-
- 13       riculum or activity violates his or her religious beliefs shall be
- 14       required to participate in any way.